UMGSB Graduate Council

**MINUTES**

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Zoom Meeting Hosted by UMBC

**Attendance:** Steve Pitts, Jennifer Maher, Kathy O’Dell, Mathangi Gopalakrishnan. Jinglai Shen, Erin Golembewski, Flavius Lilly, Lisa Morgan, John Basile, Jeff Halverson, Jia Bei Wang, Jenny Owens, Janet Rutledge, Shirl Curtis, Bethany Lee, Sarah Chard, Bill Jackson, Sydney Ashton-Cromwell, Jamila Savage, Danya Qato, Ethan Post

 Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting held on February 3, 2022 meeting – Minutes were approved as written.

**Announcements/plans/issues UMB**

* Graduate School Strategic Planning held last week assisted by the education advisory board– tackled 9 strategic objectives.
* Graduate Research Conference will be held tomorrow March 5. The GSA and the Graduate is very excited for this in-person event.
* Planning graduation for May 19th to be held at UMBC at 9am. Keynote speaker is Dr. Fauci. Doctoral Hooding Ceremony will be held on the UMB campus in MSTF Leadership Hall at 4:30pm.

**Announcements/plans/Issues UMBC**

* New Assistant Dean for Administration Policy and Compliance named - Jennifer Artis.
* All campuses have announced that masks are no longer required. Masks are now optional except in classes and teaching labs. UMB also announced the same change to the campus regulation.

**GSA Report UMB - Sydney Ashton-Cromwell**

* The Graduate Research Conference – all six schools with graduate programs will be represented with oral and poster presenters. The conference will be followed by the PhD Candidacy ceremony to also be held in person.
* Grab & Go Social event with hot cider and desserts was very successful.

**GSA Report UMB – Ethan Post**

* Training is underway for International 3-Minute Thesis competition.
* Graduate Student week April 4-8th.
* Will host a run around campus in honor of Alex Rittle, former GSA President who passed away suddenly in December 2020.
* Ethan will share the grad student survey report on the collective bargaining bill.

**Committee Reports**

**Program Review**

* ***Cellular & Molecular Biomedical Sciences - MS*** – Overall, the review was strong and they did not find any deficiencies. Recommendations were to have more program visibility, mentoring packets for students’ unique needs, and specific coursework for the program and not just GPLS courses. Funding issues were discussed but there is difficulty finding funding for part-time MS students since part-time students are not eligible for assistantships. Report approved by committee vote.

**Long Range Planning & New Programs –** No items to review. Five new UMBC certificate programs will need to be reviewed for the April meeting.

**New Courses Committee**

UMBC Courses

EHS 620 – EHS Epidemiologic Methods (3) – recommendation for approval.

BIO, ENEN, MEES, GES 706 – Public Speaking in the Environmental Sector (1) – missing some items from the syllabi, but recommending to be administratively approved. Items missing (attendance policy, late policy, etc.) will be requested.

UMB Courses

GH 652 – Global Health Management & Leadership (3) – recommendation for approval. Pending clarification on credit hours.

Motion to approve; Recommendations accepted and approved.

**Graduate Faculty Community**

 UMB

* + Krupnick, Alexander - Surgery & Microbiology/Immunology – Regular status - Approved.

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* + Dressler, Roswita - Education/TESOL – Special status Approved
	+ Wong, Ten-Tsao - Marine Biotechnology – Regular status - Denied approval.

Denied application appeared to be incomplete. Application will be sent back to reviewed for April meeting.

Motion to approve; Two abstentions were Danya Qato and Bill Jackson for conflicts. Recommendations accepted and approved.

**Old Business –** Revision of Bylaws continued from February Meeting. Over the years, additional programs have been added and it is being proposed that we do an expansion of the number of members on the Council. It was also proposed that the membership requirements be updated and expand to associate members. The Bylaws state that only regular and special status. Graduate council could expand from 16-24 members. Also, structural changes were discussed on how to include new faculty. Flavius Lilly, Vice Dean, discussed letter from Roger Ward which addresses shared governance and requirements are not inclusive of the growth of the graduate school over the years.

Proposed council vote to add additional council/committee members tabled . A survey will be sent to Graduate Council members to inform Bylaws updates. Additional discussion will continue in April. Final voting proposed for the May meeting.

**New Business –** Summer/Fall all course proposals at UMBC will be done in Curriculog, a new software system. The course proposals will have the same information that we currently request. UMBC proposals will be submitted online and will be transferred to Blackboard for committee review.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

April 7, 2022

Zoom Meeting Led by UMB